

well of the House for the pronouncement of censure; that Representative PAUL GOSAR be censured with the public reading of this resolution by the Speaker; and that Representative PAUL GOSAR be, and is hereby, removed from the Committee on Natural Resources and the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

#### MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE LARRY HOPKINS

(Mr. BARR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today with my colleagues from the Kentucky delegation to honor the life of a true American patriot, former Congressman Larry Hopkins, who served in this body from 1979 to 1993 and passed away early yesterday.

Throughout his extraordinary career in public service, Larry served in the Kentucky State legislature and for over a decade in Congress in the seat I now hold.

Larry's career in public service began as a U.S. marine in 1954. It was that love for the military that Larry would bring with him to the Congress, where he rose to become the top Republican on the Armed Services Committee.

Larry's humor was famous with both his constituents and his colleagues, always offering a disarming joke to lighten the mood or evoking a good laugh.

Above all, Madam Speaker, Congressman Hopkins was proud of his work across the aisle and the relationships he had with all his colleagues, Republicans and Democrats alike.

In these divided times, let us be inspired by the legacy of Congressman Larry Hopkins to come together and solve the problems of our day not as Republicans or Democrats, but as Americans who all love our country.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in praying for Larry's family: his wife, Carolyn; and three children, Shae, Tara, and Josh.

I now ask that the House observe a moment of silence to honor the life of Congressman Larry Hopkins. God bless Larry Hopkins.

#### BUILD BACK BETTER IS HISTORIC LEGISLATION

(Ms. NORTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, Build Back Better not only meets long-awaited critical needs, such as clean energy technology, it is fully paid for, unlike the 2001 and 2017 tax cuts under Republican Presidents.

This is because the largest corporations and the highest income Americans will pay their fair share, are not rewarded for shipping jobs and profits

overseas, and will have more difficulty avoiding IRS compliance.

Moreover, 17 Nobel Prize-winning economists say the bill's investments enhance productive participation in our economy and ease the long-term inflation pressure that is the frontline concern of Americans today.

Congress will make history by passing this historic legislation.

#### DADS ON DUTY

(Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to offer much-deserved recognition to the group of faithful fathers known as Dads on Duty, who have stepped up to serve as role models for the students at Southwood High School in my hometown of Shreveport. Since the dads came to school, instances of disruptive behavior have plummeted, and spirits have been raised to new heights.

These Dads on Duty walk the halls every day and talk to students about personal responsibility, self-discipline, and strong work ethic. They are there to encourage the kids and set an example in their words and in their actions. It is irrefutable the role that fathers play in the life of a child. And now since these dads have made it a point of engaging directly with the kids at Southwood, school fights haven't been a problem, grades and attitudes have risen, and the whole Nation's attention has been drawn to this inspirational endeavor.

They have made an incredible difference in the lives of everyone involved. So we want to say thank you to the Dads on Duty for their incredible work and extraordinary example. May it be duplicated nationwide.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MANNING). Members are reminded not to traffic the well while another Member is under recognition.

#### WE MUST ACT ON THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

(Mr. SCHNEIDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call on my colleagues to act on the opioid epidemic roiling our Nation.

Today, we learned that between May of 2020 and April of 2021, more than 100,000 Americans died of drug overdoses, a grim, grim record.

Drug overdoses now surpass deaths from car crashes and gun violence. Fentanyl alone was responsible for more overdoses than there were in all of 2016, just five years ago.

We must expand access to medications like naloxone, which reverse an opioid overdose, and mental health services to crack down on overdose deaths from synthetics and opioids. Congress cannot do it alone.

In every community across the country, there are dedicated public servants and committed groups working to combat these figures and help individuals and families. Groups like the Lake County Opioid Initiative in my district, cofounded by Mike Nerheim and Chelsea Laliberte-Barnes.

After 8 years, Mike is stepping down as chair, and Chelsea is stepping up. I thank Mike for his leadership, and as the cofounder and advocacy strategist for Live4Lali. I know Chelsea will continue the great work of LCOI at this critical time.

Now Congress must help Mike, Chelsea, and the countless others around the country for whom this fight is so personal.

#### PARENTS HAVE A RIGHT TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS

(Mr. ROSENDALE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSENDALE. Madam Speaker, I rise to condemn Merrick Garland targeting parents who express their views on how their children are educated.

Recently, parents have risen up to voice their opposition to schools indoctrinating their children with critical race theory, but Merrick Garland won't stand for folks exercising their parental rights.

Merrick Garland testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee that he didn't think parents getting angry at school boards constitute domestic terrorism, and that he could not imagine a circumstance where they would be labeled as domestic terrorism.

Despite this, it is now clear Garland has weaponized the FBI's counterterrorism division against concerned parents, using threat tags to label and surveil them as domestic terror threats.

Parents have a right and an obligation to voice their opinion on how their children are educated, and I wholeheartedly agree critical race theory has no place in our classrooms.

Weaponizing the FBI against concerned parents is dangerous and an absolute disgrace.

Merrick Garland must resign immediately. Thank God he isn't on the Supreme Court.

#### MINNESOTANS NEED BUILD BACK BETTER

(Ms. OMAR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. OMAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Minnesotans who are facing the highest housing affordability and childcare affordability crisis, a massive racial wealth and education gap.

I rise because Minnesotans spend an average of \$16,000 a year on childcare, as much as they spend on mortgage payments, and Build Back Better would address it.

I rise because the people of my district have faced the worst housing shortage in the entire country and Build Back Better would create a housing acquisition fund to address it.

I rise because we need good union jobs and Build Back Better would invest in a civilian climate corps, AmeriCorps, and home healthcare workers being paid fair wages.

I rise because the people of my district need the Build Back Better, and they can't wait any longer.

#### CONGRATULATING KATIE HEARN

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Katie Hearn for her appointment to the Georgia State Rehabilitation Council.

Beginning as an intern for the Atlanta Braves, this year's world champions, Katie's passion for the Braves community propelled her to a full-time position within the organization. However, at the age of 28, Katie was diagnosed with a rare brain disorder that caused her to lose her sight.

Her illness forced her to step down from her position as she adjusted to her new normal, but Katie is resilient and soon returned to the Atlanta Braves, where she currently works as a senior coordinator for digital and accessible services.

Katie has always been committed to ensuring every visitor has an incredible experience in Truist Park.

In 2018 the Braves awarded her with the Walker Banks Award for her extraordinary customer service.

Katie's passion for providing opportunities to Georgians with disabilities to live, work, and thrive in our State is truly inspiring.

I am honored to recognize Katie for this prestigious accomplishment, and I am grateful for her service.

#### HISTORIC LEGISLATION EMPOWERS THE GREAT LAKES REGION

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to applaud President Biden's bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This historic legislation is an enormous win for the American people.

Finally, from coast to coast, in every State, district, and territory of our Nation, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act will deliver significant new resources. Together, America will restore our Nation's crumbling infrastructure. Together, we will create millions of good-paying jobs over the next decade.

The Great Lakes region will be empowered with billions of dollars to rebuild our roads, bridges, rail lines, revitalize our water infrastructure and airports. We will deploy modern broadband connectivity and new carbon-free energy systems.

By properly rewarding those who make and build what makes and builds America, we will create a fairer, more just, and more prosperous future for our middle-class workers, families, and communities.

For years there has been talk about infrastructure. President Biden is delivering and building back better for Americans from coast to coast.

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#### NOTHING COMES FOR FREE

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, this Friday the Congressional Budget Office allegedly will release their assessment of President Biden's Build Back Better agenda under budget reconciliation.

Their assessment will determine whether the Democrats have come up with enough tax increases and other measures that will actually cover the cost of the bill over the next 10 years.

But the White House seems to now believe that the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office isn't qualified to provide us with an objective cost estimate, even though that is the entire point of the CBO.

As the Congressional Budget Office is forcing the Biden administration to acknowledge that their Build Back Better agenda will certainly cost a lot more than the zero dollars he initially claimed, Biden is still telling Democrats to disregard the report.

Madam Speaker, nothing comes for free; and so far, initial estimates from the Congressional Budget Office show that the Build Back Better agenda will increase our national deficit by more than \$150 billion each year.

Had it not been for some Democrats listening to the Republicans' insistence that we don't vote until we at least have a price tag, President Biden probably would have been able to sneak this through the House without having to admit its true cost.

#### REPORT ON THE SOUTHERN BORDER

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I haven't seen the Vice President at the border lately. I was down there about a month ago, and I just want to share a few things that I learned down there that maybe somebody else can pass on to her.

First of all, when you're at the Yuma center, when you walk along the path

the people walk to get in this country, it is littered with photo IDs. Obviously, people do not want the United States Government or Border Patrol to know who they are. So this is a sign we are getting people in this country who have a lot to hide.

The second thing to point out that I was not aware of until I talked to the Border Patrol, is they feel they don't have the right to test somebody for COVID. We know that some people who are testing positive are already let in the country. I was not aware until I went down there that it is the current policy if you say, I want to test you for COVID, and you refuse, they just let you in.

The third thing I want to point out is that apparently they are advertising on Central American TV for people to come here.

Obviously, if we had a better relationship with those Central American countries, this wouldn't be going on, but if you wonder why so many people are coming here, it is because the drug gangs are advertising on TV.

#### THANKSGIVING TAX

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, we are just 1 week away from Thanksgiving, and American families are bracing for one of the most expensive in history.

The cost of almost everything is up; from the turkey to the pumpkin pie, your Thanksgiving meal will cost you significantly more than last year's.

Rising costs aren't just making it hard to put food on the table. The price of a gallon of gas is up 61 percent nationally from last year, making it more expensive for families to travel to loved ones this holiday season.

Inflation is a hidden tax that hurts the lowest income Americans the most.

This Thanksgiving tax is just the latest example of bad economic policies that are making life for Americans more expensive.

Throwing trillions of dollars at the problems we are facing is not the solution and will only make these issues worse.

#### VACCINE MANDATES ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

(Mr. FALLON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FALLON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the unconstitutional overreach shown by this President in his recent vaccine mandate. And don't be fooled, this is nothing more than an attack on frontline workers, small businesses, and the rights of every American.

OSHA's regulatory powers are limited to the workplace and the workplace alone.

Joe Biden is now trying to use OSHA as an instrument in his political game;